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DRY BEAN PRODUCTION DOWN 23 PERCENT

WYOMING: The October 1, 2011 forecast for dry bean production at 792,000 hundredweight is down 21 percent from 1,024,000 hundredweight produced in 2010. The forecast for sugarbeets dropped 7 percent to 25 tons per acre, according to Steve Gunn with the Wyoming Field Office of USDA NASS.

Alfalfa hay production is forecast at 1.5 million tons, down 8 percent from 2010. Harvested area is expected to total 570,000 acres with an average yield of 2.6 tons per acre. Acreage for harvest is down 50,000 acres from 2010, the yield stayed the same. **Other hay** production is forecast at 700,000 tons, down 18 percent from 2010. Producers expect to harvest 500,000 acres of other hay with an average yield of 1.4 tons per acre. Acreage for harvest is down 70,000 acres from 2010. **All hay** production is forecast at 2.2 million tons, down from 2.47 million tons in 2010.

Sugarbeet growers intend to harvest 31,000 acres in Wyoming this year with an expected average yield of 25.0 tons per acre, down 7 percent in 2010. Acreage for harvest is up 600 acres from last year. **Dry bean** production is expected to total 792,000 hundredweight from 33,000 harvested acres, down 23 percent from last year's 855,000 hundredweight. Average yield at 2,400 pounds per acre is up 220 pounds per acre from 2010.

UNITED STATES: Production of dry hay for **alfalfa and alfalfa mixtures** is forecast at 64.7 million tons, down fractionally from the August 1 forecast and down 5 percent from last year. Based on October 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 3.35 tons per acre, down 0.01 ton from August 1 and 0.05 ton from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 19.3 million acres, unchanged from June but down 3 percent from the previous year's acreage.

Other hay production is forecast at 67.0 million tons, down fractionally from the August 1 forecast and down 14 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest production level since 1993. Based on October 1 conditions, yields are expected to average 1.75 tons per acre, unchanged from the August 1 forecast but down 0.20 ton from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest United States yield since 1988. Harvested area is forecast at 38.3 million acres, unchanged from June but down 4 percent from last year.

Dry edible bean production is forecast at 19.6 million cwt for 2011, down 38 percent from last year. Planted area is estimated at 1.20 million acres, down 37 percent from the previous year. Harvested area is forecast at 1.12 million acres, down 39 percent from the previous year. The average United States yield is forecast at 1,744 pounds per acre, an increase of 18 pounds from 2010.

Corn acreage updates were made in several States based on administrative data. Total planted area, at 91.9 million acres, is down less than 1 percent from the previous estimate. Area harvested and to be harvested for grain is forecast at 83.9 million acres, down 1 percent from the September forecast.

The October 1 corn objective yield data indicate the second highest number of ears per acre on record for the combined 10 objective yield States (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin), only behind the record high year of 2009. Record high ear counts are forecast in Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

As of October 2, fifty-two percent of the corn acreage was rated in good to excellent condition in the 18 major corn producing States, unchanged from last month but down 14 percentage points from last year. Seventy-nine percent of the corn acreage was rated mature or beyond, 13 percentage points behind the same time last year but 1 percentage point ahead of the 5-year average. Twenty-one percent of the intended grain acreage was harvested by October 2, sixteen percentage points behind last year and 2 percentage points behind the 5-year average pace.

Production of **sugarbeets** for the 2011 crop year is forecast at 29.2 million tons, unchanged from the September forecast but down 9 percent from last year. Producers expect to harvest 1.21 million acres, unchanged from the previous forecast. Expected yield is forecast at 24.2 tons per acre, unchanged from the previous forecast but 3.4 tons below last year. Much of the growing region has experienced less than ideal growing conditions this season.

**ACREAGE, YIELD, AND PRODUCTION 2010;
FINAL SMALL GRAINS AND OCTOBER 1 HAY AND ROW CROP FORECASTS, 2011**

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Harvested Acre		Production		
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011 1/	2010	2011	11/10
	1,000 Acres		1,000 Acres				1,000	Percent	
WYOMING									
Oats (bu)	34	30	9	11	61.0	52.0	549	572	104
Winter Wheat (bu)	165	150	145	130	32.0	34.0	4,640	4,420	95
Barley (bu)	75	75	62	63	98.0	97.0	6,076	6,111	101
Sugarbeets (tons)	30.5	31.5	30.4	31.0	27.0	25.0	821	775	94
Dry Beans (cwt)	49.0	35.0	47.0	33.0	21.8	24.0	1,024	792	77
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	620	570	2.60	2.60	1,612	1,482	92
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	570	500	1.50	1.40	855	700	82
All Hay (tons)	—	—	1,190	1,070	2.07	2.04	2,467	2,182	88
UNITED STATES									
Corn-Grain (bu) 2/	88,192	91,897	81,446	83,936	152.8	148.1	12,446,865	12,432,910	100
Winter Wheat (bu)	37,335	40,646	31,741	32,314	46.8	46.2	1,484,861	1,493,677	101
All Wheat (bu)	53,593	54,409	47,619	45,715	46.3	43.9	2,206,916	2,008,039	91
Oats (bu)	3,138	2,496	1,263	940	64.3	57.5	81,190	54,005	67
Barley (bu)	2,872	2,559	2,465	2,239	73.1	69.2	180,268	155,050	86
Sugarbeets (tons)	1,171.4	1,237.5	1,155.7	1,207.6	27.6	24.2	31,901	29,180	91
Dry Beans (cwt)	1,911.4	1,198.7	1,842.7	1,123.7	17.3	17.4	31,801	19,593	62
Alfalfa Hay (tons)	—	—	19,956	19,329	3.40	3.35	67,903	64,714	95
Other Hay (tons)	—	—	39,906	38,276	1.95	1.75	77,653	66,980	86
All Hay (tons)	—	—	59,862	57,605	2.43	2.29	145,556	131,694	90

1/Yield for oats, winter wheat, all wheat and barley are final for 2010. All other yields are forecast yields as of October 1, 2010.

2/Corn planted for all purposes, harvested for grain.